

Torrance, California
April 25, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 25, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held April 13, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the San Francisco-Northern California Section of the California Safety Council, Inc., extending an invitation to an official representative of the City of Torrance to the "City Awards Luncheon" of the California Safety Council, to be held April 28, 1939 at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel, to participate in the honor to those cities which have won outstanding accident reduction records during the last year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that any of the City Council desiring so to do be authorized to attend the luncheon. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to L.J. Young was read from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company concerning the plan of the Cities of Torrance and Gardena to establish a municipal bus line operating from Torrance, through Gardena and connecting with the present bus line at Figueroa and Manchester Streets, Los Angeles. No action.

A communication addressed to L.J. Young was read from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County relative to the proposed construction of sewers in the newly developed area west of Crenshaw Boulevard and South of Torrance Boulevard. A general layout plan of how this area can be sewerred was enclosed. It was advised that the Sanitation District has no money available at

the present for this project.

Mayor Tolson suggested that it may be possible to get this project set up in the 1939-40 budget if kept before the Board of the County Sanitation District. No action.

A communication was read from W.I. Laughon, M.D. requesting removal of pepper trees at Arlington and El Prado Street, particularly the one obstructing the entrance to the garage on the property. Referred to the Street Department for action.

A communication was read from John H. Stroh, Chief of Police, recommending placing of boulevard stops at the intersection of Cabrillo Avenue, Carson Street and Cravens, the stops to be placed east and west on Carson Street, north and south on Cabrillo Avenue and on Cravens Avenue at its entrance into Carson Street. Boulevard stops were requested also in the alley adjacent to the Levy Theatre at the entrance into Cravens, and in the alley next to the Police Station at the entrance into Arlington Avenue.

Attorney McCall presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1336

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ERECT BOULEVARD STOP SIGNS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1336 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the State of California Division of Highways, advising that plans, specifications and estimate submitted by the City of Torrance for improvement of Redondo Avenue from Redondo Beach Boulevard to 182nd Street had been reviewed and approved by the Sacramento office. Full authority to proceed with this work by day labor was given. This was presented as a matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of a check amounting to \$300.00 from Auto Insurance Company of Hartford on April 21, 1939 in full settlement of damages to a shop building at the City Yard, destroyed by fire Saturday, April 15, 1939.

Engineer Young recommended that the request of Charles T. Rippey for removal of Lot 7, Block 30, Torrance Tract from Fire Zone No. 1 be complied with; also that Mr. Rippey's request for changing of set back line on Post Avenue from 20 feet to 15 feet be granted. Engineer Young suggested that Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Block 30, Torrance Tract be removed from Fire Zone No. 1, Director of Public Safety Stroh also recommended such action.

Attorney McCall presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1337

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF LOTS 1 TO 7, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 30, TORRANCE TRACT FROM FIRE ZONE NO. 1.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1337 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to comply with the request of Charles T. Rippey for changing the set back line on Post Avenue from 20 feet to 15 feet. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young advised that the supply of City of Torrance maps kept in the Engineering Department for distribution to the public as requested is about exhausted and asked authorization to purchase more maps.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$50.00 be appropriated for purchase of maps. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance prohibiting parking of automobiles on the streets in the business section of the City between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.

Discussion followed, at which time it was pointed out that, though a State law prohibits tagging an unoccupied automobile, an ordinance would have effect to a certain extent. Street work being carried on at this time necessitates having access to the full width of the street, it was stated. Director of Public Safety Stroh recommended adoption of such an ordinance, stating it would be legal in every respect.

Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the City Electrician will investigate the request of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce for a sodium vapor light at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Redondo Avenue in the near future.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council be authorized to attend the opening of the Los Angeles County Building at the San Francisco Fair Saturday, April 29, 1939, expenses paid, in accordance with the request of the Los Angeles County League officials that Torrance send delegates. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$305.28, plus sales tax, be made for 72 1500 Watt lamps for the ball park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read the Report of Claim of Melvin J. Trabold for damaged tire and tube, which report was read at the last regular meeting and deferred awaiting return of Attorney McCall.

Attorney McCall recommended that damages in the amount of \$8.00 be allowed Melvin J. Trabold for damage to tire and tube caused by striking a rock on or about the 7th day of March, 1939.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$8.00 be made for payment of Melvin J. Trabold claim. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young had nothing to report on the request of J.M. Christensen for widening of the sidewalk on Marcelina Avenue.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett introduced Mr. Whiteman of the Associated Assessment Engineers, who outlined a program of liquidating the indebtedness of Special Assessment Districts.

It was decided to discuss the matter in the near future and notify Mr. Whiteman whether or not the City of Torrance is interested in such a program.

Attorney McCall presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1338

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE IN THE MATTER OF ACQUISITION AND
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 28, KNOWN AS ALONDRA
PARK.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1338 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Director of Public Safety Stroh called attention to the need of additional fire plugs at the Elementary School and the High School, suggesting that the Board of Education be contacted relative to installing said hydrants. Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, advised that such a procedure would be a costly one, in that it would necessitate laying of about 1200 feet of 6" or 8" mains to the Elementary School and an additional 1000 feet to the High School, since the mains now in use are only 4" mains. Mr. Stanger said that the whole water system needs many improvements.

Director of Public Safety Stroh mentioned also the necessity of a fire plug contiguous to the City Yard, explaining that the closest plug to the City Yard property is at the Consolidated Lumber Company.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$486.00 be made, to be paid from the Water Bond Fund, for installation of a fire hydrant and pipe lines at the City Yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

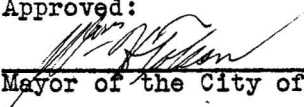
Councilman McGuire moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:58 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance